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TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Receive the Report on the Michigan Equity Plan Update and Equitable Distribution of Highly Qualified Teachers

Michigan's Equity Plan Update and Equitable Distribution of Highly Qualified Teachers report was presented at the State Board of Education (SBE) meeting on May 12, 2009.

The During the March 2008 monitoring visit conducted by the United States Department of Education (USDOE), it was found that the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) did not provide evidence that it has measured or publicly reported on its progress in carrying out its plan to ensure that poor and minority children are not taught at higher rates than other children by inexperienced, unqualified, or out-of-field teachers. The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act's Consolidated State Performance Report (CSPR) monitoring protocol specifies the following:

Critical Element III.B.1: The SEA has a plan in place to ensure that poor and minority students are not taught at higher rates than other students by inexperienced, unqualified, or out-of-field teachers.

In response to this finding, the Office of Professional Preparation Services (OPPS) will annually report to the SBE the current Highly Qualified (HQ) status of classes taught, the state's progress in implementing the Michigan "2006 NCLB Teacher Equity Plan," and the equitable distribution of teachers. This will be completed by December 31 of each year.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education receive the report on the Michigan Equity Plan Update and Equitable Distribution of Highly Qualified Teachers report, as presented at its May 12, 2009 meeting.

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